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RE: Final Checklist Environmental Analysis Cover Letter

Dear Reader:

Moonlight Basin Ranch, L.P. (Moonlight Basin) of Ennis, MT applied for an operating permit to mine gravel on April 19, 2005. The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) issued a Draft Checklist Environmental Analysis (CEA) on September 29, 2005 evaluating the potential impacts from the gravel pit and asking for comments on the proposed operation. The Draft CEA addressed issues and concerns raised during public involvement and from agency scoping. No comments were received on the Draft CEA.

The agencies have decided to approve the permit as proposed. A reclamation bond of \$39,420 has been posted by Moonlight Basin and approved by DEQ. Following are the approved permit conditions:

Permit Area: 10 acres over the life-of-the permit
Permitted Disturbance: 10 acres
Bonded Acres: 10 acres
Bond: \$39,420

Information on the Moonlight Basin operating permit application can be obtained by writing or calling the Montana Department of Environmental Quality, c/o Herb Rolfes, P. O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620, telephone (406) 444-3841; e-mail address hrolfes@mt.gov.

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